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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application. We are also enclosing abstracts of each of the following citations that are listed in form PTO-1449:

US 4,455,161; JP 09227398; JP 08154586; JP 07157420; JP 07138135; JP 52082711;
JP 07126143; JP 2000072649; JP 10291935; JP 07138126

Choi et al. "Antioxidative activities of methanol extracts of tropical and oriental medicinal plants." Korean Society of Agricultural Chemistry and Biotechnology." (1998), 41(7), 556-559.

Sinhababu et al. "Characterization and identification of antibacterial components in extracts of seeds from Lagerstroemia speciosa." Adv. Food Sci. (1999), 21(1/2), 19-22.

Kajimoto et al. "Antioxidant activity of several commercial teas and their components." Nippon Eiyo, Shokuryo Gakkaishi." (1999), 52(4), 209-218.

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Chung et al. "Screening of plants for lectins constituents." Yakhak Hoechi (1996), 40(4), 387-393.

Kakuda et al. "Hypoglycemic effect of extracts from Lagerstroemia speciosa L. leaves in genetically diabetic KK-A^y mice." Japan Society for Bioscience, biotechnology, and agrochemistry." (1996), 60(2), 204-208.

El-Mofty et al. "Prevention of skin tumors induced by 7, 12-dimethylbenz (a) anthracene in mice by black seed oil." Oncol. Rep. (1997), 4(1), 139-141.

Karawya et al. "Essential oil and lipids of Nigella sativa seed and their biological activity." Zagazig J. Pharm. Sci., (1994), 3(2), 49-57.

Salomi et al. "Inhibitory effects of Nigella sativa and saffron (Crocus sativus) on chemical carcinogenesis in mice.", Nutr. Cancer., (1991), 16(1), 67-72.

Singh et al. "Momordica charantia (Bitter Gourd) peel, pulp, seed and whole fruit extract inhibits mouse skin papillomagenesis." Toxicol. Lett., (1998), 94(1), 37-46.

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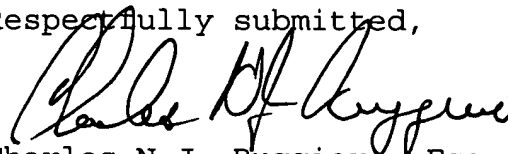
It is the applicants' belief that none of the above citations describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the references that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed references and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the First Office Action for the application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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